

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF NURSING
SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACTIONS**

**Board Meeting
February 6 and 7, 2003**

NURSING EDUCATION

Approved the recommendation that the programs of practical nursing having full approval status, due for routine survey visits, be required to submit a self-study in lieu of an on-site survey visit.

Approved the recommendation that based on a review of the response to the letter of concern, the Nursing Education Consultant may schedule a consultation visit at the Board office.

MEDICATION AIDE LEGISLATION

Approved going forward with the Medication Aide Bill (HB 405) in the alternate format as specified in the Executive Director's Report, and that the President be authorized to negotiate different language that may include regulation of medication aides in certain facilities and the use of a medication administration plan approved by the Board.

NURSING PRACTICE

Approved the letter of response to the opinion request from Paula Horn, RN, Corydon, Indiana, on the initiation of resuscitation absent a "Do Not Resuscitate" order.

Approved the Advisory Opinion Statement #03-33, "Roles of Nurses in the Delegation of Tasks to Paramedics in a Hospital Emergency Department."

Approved the revisions to 201 KAR 20:400 "Delegation of Nursing Tasks."

Approved the letter of response to the opinion request from Pamela Murphy, Inspector General, Frankfort, on the role of the registered nurse in the performance of circulating duties in the operating room.

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN) SCOPE OF PRACTICE TASK FORCE

Directed that the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Scope of Practice Task Force charge be modified to identify any inconsistency between LPN education/LPN practice and regulatory/accreditation barriers.

Directed that the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Task Force develop a vision of what the LPN practice needs to be in the future.

PRACTICAL NURSE EDUCATION IN HIGH SCHOOLS

Approved the exploration of the proposal submitted by the Greater Louisville Workforce Consortium (GLWC) concerning the feasibility of developing an experimental program to include a portion of the licensed practical nurse (LPN) curriculum in high school. The Board appointed Jimmy Isenberg and Sharon Weisenbeck to serve as liaisons to this group as requested by GLWC.

CORRESPONDENCE

Referred the letter received from Rhonda McGuffin, NREMT-B, LPN ACLS/BTLS Certified, Louisville, Kentucky, requesting training such as that received by emergency medical technicians, to the Education Committee.

OTHER

Appointed a Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN) subgroup to explore the continuum of practice and needed educational preparation for the future protection of consumers in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to meet the mission of the KBN. This subgroup is to report back to the Board with their findings in six to eight months.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Directed that the Education Committee look at the faculty to student ratio in the clinical setting.

Deferred the prioritization of strategic initiatives for the Kentucky Board of Nursing to the April 2003 Board meeting for finalization.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Approved one (1) Proposed Decision, and received reports on the approval of seventeen (17) Agreed Orders, seven (7) Consent Decrees, and the removal of five (5) licenses from probation.

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